

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, April 5, 1757,
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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG Apr. 5th. 1757

SIR

I hope by the Time this reaches Your Hands that Govr. Sharpe has relieved Fort Cumberland by sending into it a Garrison from his Maryland Forces, if so, this is to order You immediately to send down to Fredricksburg, two hundred Men Officers included, to be transported to South Carolina, under the Command of Lieut. Colo. Stephens, Captain Waggoner, Capt. Joshua Lewis, Lieuts. John Blag, John Campbell, Peter Stenburgen, & John Hall, with Sergeants Corporals & Drums, & let me know on return of this Express when they may be at Fredricksburg that I may order a Vessell or Vessells to take them in; I desire You may be as expeditious as possible in ordering them down, for by Letters from the Governor of So. Carolina, I have reason to apprehend the Enemy have a Design to invade that Province by Sea & Land. I therefore desire You will use double Diligence in having them ready at Fredricksburg, & write me accordingly, that I may do the Necessary for their Accommodation in So. Carolina¹

As You will have a Number of Indians at Fort Loudoun, I desire they may be entertain'd with great Civility, & send them out in scalping Parties to such Places You shall see proper, with such Numbers of Your Men as You can spare, giving Directions to acquire

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what Intelligence they can procure of the Enemy & thier Motions, keep them constantly employ'd in the Service to the best Advantage.

On my Arrival here I found it necessary to call the Assembly to meet me Thursday the 14th. Instant so that after You have complied with above Orders, & given proper Directions, You may come down bringing a distinct List of each Company in the Regiment, with Acct. of Arrears due, and Endeavors may be made to have them compleatly paid;— by a particular Acct. of what may be due to the Men that are to proceed to So. Carolina, that the Money may be ready for them before they leave this Colony—I expect an exact Obedience to the above Orders, & I remain

Sir Your Humble Servant ROBT. DINWIDDIE

I intend Capt. John McNeill to Command the 100 Men to be sent to the Cherokee Country to garrison the Fort built there—ask him if he can raise that Number of Men in Augusta & the other frontier Counties

1 Governor Dinwiddie sent these two hundred men, and promised the remainder out of the one thousand men to be raised in the colony. They were never sent.